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FOLLOWING MESSAGE, DRAFTED BY GENERAL HAMLETT IN COLLABORATION  
IN GUFLE AND BURNS, BEING DESPATCHED BOTH MILITARY AND STATE  
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BEGIN TEXT.

AT THE MEETING OF THE KOMMANDATURA TODAY THE THREE COMMANDANTS  
DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE DANGERS INHERENT IN OUR CURRENT  
CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN  
THE EVENT EAST GERMAN PERSONNEL REPLACE SOVIETS AT CHECKPOINTS  
ON RAIL AND AUTOBAHN. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT CURRENT  
CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS WOULD FORCE US TO TAKE THE FIRST  
STEP TOWARD DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF THE GDR AND THAT THIS  
WOULD BE A STEP FROM WHICH IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO WITH-  
DRAW. THAT AFTER THIS FIRST STEP WE WOULD BE SLOWLY SQUEEZED  
INTO WHAT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR THE GERMANS WOULD LABEL

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